THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTTY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (c) This Department had received some complaints of alleged overcharging of the bulk drugs, the details of which are given in the statement. (*See* below). As and when any complaint of alleged overcharging of bulk drugs is received, the same is forwarded to the concerned act State Drug Control Administration for investigation and necessary action under the Essential Commodities Act 1955. To the extent information is available, the State Drug Controller of Maharashtra had filed compliants in Court of Law against 9 units including traders and manufacturers. The State Drug Controller of Gujarat has also intiated action against 3 units on account of overcharging of prices.

Statement

S. No.	Name of the Bulk Drug
1.	Vitamin-C Plain
2.	Vitamin-C Coated
3.	Sodiun Ascorbate
4.	Prednisolone
5.	Rifampicin
6.	Erythromycin Sterate
7.	Ampicillin Trihydrate
8.	Trimethoprim
9.	Metronidazole
10.	Metronidazole Benzoate
11.	Pyrazinamide
12.	Di Ethyl Catbanazine Citrate
13.	Ethambutol Hcl.
14.	Cloxacillin Sodium (Oral Grade)
15.	Chloroquine Phosphate
16.	Sulphamethozaxole
17.	Tetracycline Hcl.
18.	Analgin
19.	Amoxycillin Trihydrate
20.	Cephalexin.

Non-implementation of Decontrol of molasses by states

1292. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD : Will the MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh have refused to implement decontrol of molasses and have reimposed controls of the free movement and sale of molasses ;

(b) what are the reasons for the Centre not enlisting the assurances of the concerned States before promulgating the molasses decontrol order, when Molasses and Alcohol are a State subjects ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Centre has set up a ministerial committee to resolve the crisis and if so, the recommendation of such committee ; and

(d) whether Government are aware that the prevailing crisis in molasses has adversely affected the cattle feed industry which may further affect the milk production during lean (summer) months ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b) Molasses as by-product of suger, and alcohol are included in Schedule I of the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act 1951 and thus their production, distribution and pricins are within the power of the Central Government. The Molasses Control Order, 1961 under which the prices and distribution of molasses were regulated has been rescinded. However, the States have been asked to check undue diversion of molasses for potable alcohol which they are doing under the State Acts/ Rules.

(c) and (d) The various issues arising out of decontrol of molasses and alcohol were raised in a Conference of Excise Ministers of the States and UTs on 4-11-94. The Conference set up a Group of State Excise Ministers under the Chairmanship of the Karnataka Chief Minister to look into the matter and suggest measures to harmonise the rules and procedures in the States to bring them in tune with the decontrol of molosses and alcohol.

Sources of Alcohol Ethanol

1293. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD : Will the MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to State :

(a) whether it is a fact that a Bangalore based company has developed a commercial process for manufacture of alcohol from block jowar, as reported in the Economic Times, dated the 12th February, 1994;